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SUBJECT: NOTE ON THE PCI: THE RHETORIC AND THE FACT

1. IN NARCOTICS RELATED DISCUSSIONS WITH DIRECTOR
RUBINO OF MINISTRY OF HEALTH DIVISION OF SOCIAL ILLNESSES
TODAY, VIGNETTE EMERGED ILLUSTRATIVE OF GAP WITHIN PCI
BETWEEN THE NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND LOCAL LEVEL PCI
OFFICE-HOLDERS, BETWEEN THE PARTY'S OFFICIAL RHETORIC AND
THE FACT OF ATTITUDES OF LOWER RANKS TOWARD THE U.S.

2. AS DRUG ABUSE CONSULTANT TO THE COMMUNAL GOVERNMENT
OF ROME, RUBINO SAID HE SUGGESTED TO THE (PCI) ASSESSORE
FOR HEALTH THAT THE COMMUNE ADOPT SOME NEW MODELS IN
TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION. THE ASSESSORE ASKED WHERE
MODELS DEVELOPED. RUBINO REPLIED: IN THE U.S. THE
ASSESSORE REFUSED TO ACCEPT THEM ON THE BASIS THAT HE
DID NOT WANT TO HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH INITIATIVES THAT
COULD BE IDENTIFIED AS AMERICAN. IN INSTANCES WHERE
RUBINO HAS SUGGESTED TRAVEL GRANTS TO PERMIT ITALIAN
DOCTORS INVOLVED IN COMBATTING DRUG ABUSE TO VISIT
THE U.S. AND CANADA, HIS IMPRESSION IS THAT THEY
HAVE BEEN REFUSED FOR THE SAME REASONS. RUBINO ALSO
NOTED THAT LAST YEAR'S DRUP CONFERENCE IN ROME WAS
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HELD UNDER THE JOINT AUSPICES OF THE U.S.'S NIDA,
THE UN'S ICAA AND THE COMMUNE OF ROME. THIS YEAR WITH
THE ACCESSION OF THE PCI TO THE COMMUNAL GOVERNMENT, IT
REFUSED TO CO-SPONSOR THE CONFERENCE PLANNED FOR THIS
MONTH. RUBINO, WHOSE MINISTERIAL DUTIES REQUIRE CONTACTS
WITH DRUP TREATMENT OFFICIALS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS THROUGH-
OUT ITALY, ASSERTED THAT THE SAME ATTITUDE PREVAILS

WHEREVER THE PCI RULES.

3. COMMENT: ONE BRICK DOESN'T MAKE A WALL. BUT THIS
LITTLE POLITICAL ASIDE IS FURTHER BIT OF EVIDENCE, IN OUR
VIEW, OF THE INHERENT CONTRADICTION BETWEEN THE SPECIOUSLY
STATESMANLIKE PROFESSIONS OF SWEET REASON EXPRESSED BY THE
PCI'S BERLINGUER AND THE DOGMATIZED VIEW OF THE WORLD HELD
IN THE PARTY'S LOCAL RANKS.GARDNER

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